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CURRY COASTAL PILOT



Gold beach calls for city councilor applications

Staff Report

The City of Gold beach recently reminded residents that they are just two weeks out from the submission deadline for city council positions in the upcoming elections on November 3. The city is in an interesting spot, as three of the seats on the five-seat dais will be up for grabs this fall.

Position 1 which is currently held by Cory Southern, Position 3 as held by Christine Stephenson, and Position 5 occupied by Summer Matteson are all available for application and petition submissions until the deadline at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 11, 2026. However, the three incumbents have a truncated submission period, with their paperwork due on Tuesday, August 4.

As of writing, Southern and Stephenson have filed and will be running for reelection, but Matteson has not. Those who are interested in tossing their hat in the ring collect signatures for a perfect petition and submit their application. Resources are available on the City of Gold Beach website, or via City Recorder Anthony Pagano.

Signatures must be collected by registered voters who are Gold Beach residents within the city limits and submitted alongside the application by the aforementioned deadline. Those who are curious should read through the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) "So You Want to Run for Local Office..." guide, also available in elections section of the city's website.

In that guide, former LOC president and Cottage Grove councilor Jake Boone describes running for public office:

"The number of people willing to run for elected local office is pretty small, and for good reason: it's not an easy job if you want to do it right. If you're just looking for a fancy title and all-expenses-paid junket to exotic locations, you're going to have a rough time of it, and you won't have much fun," explains Boone. "But if you're looking for a way to use your knowledge, experience and wisdom to help make your community a better, more functional place, you may find that lending your hand to local government is one of the most rewarding endeavors you've ever undertaken."

If you are reticent to run a public facing campaign, the city is also seeking committee and commission members for a number of its boards, with Budget, Urban Renewal Advisory, Ordinance Review, Parks Master Plan, and Law Enforcement Citizen Committee all having seats available. Serving in one of those roles is an easy way to begin to understand critical local governmental processes, and can often open the door for a run for an elected position. Committee applications are also available on the Gold Beach city website under the government tab.

New Event Permitting

The City of Gold Beach recently approved and implement-

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Brookings ranked top 5 for RV destination

Staff Report

According to robust analysis across a wide spectrum of criteria, Brookings was named the fifth best coastal RV destination on StorageCafe's wide-reaching list of the best of the best. On the list in previous years as well, Brookings scored very highly for its variety of campgrounds and their amenities, placing just behind Tillamook in the number four slot, making the Oregon Coast a clear favorite for enthusiasts.

According to recent data from the RV Industry Association, there is a huge market of RVers, with more joining the ranks each year as younger demographics start to get in on the fun.

"More than 8 million U.S. households already own an RV, and another 16.9 million say they intend to buy one," stated StorageCafe's report. "Gen Z and millennial households now



Myers Creek Beach (Courtesy of LoveYourRV): A view of Myers Creek Beach out the window of an RV.

show the strongest purchase intent, bringing laptops, pets and remotefriendly setups on

the road and pushing parks to deliver stronger WiFi, better amenities and more flexible, shorterbutfrequent trips."

Of those 8 million owners, 87% have reported that they are actively looking for ways to keep costs down for their travelling. Whether that travelling during off-season or finding destinations that are off the beaten path. According to the scores, Brookings is particularly well positioned to accommodate those RVers looking for budget-conscious but amenity rich camping sites.

StorageCafe's rating scores each destination across four main criteria to give out awards for five distinct categories of destinations: coastal and beaches, deserts and sun belt, lakes and rivers, entertainment hubs, and National Park gate-

ways. According to the report, coastal destinations scored the highest among the five categories across the judging criteria. Those judging criteria are:

- Campground quality (site count, ratings and hookup completeness)
- On-site amenities (restrooms, showers, laundry, pets, propane)
- Connectivity (Wi-Fi coverage and broadband provider count)
- Local livability (food affordability, air quality, retail density and crime rate)

Brookings' 11 RV campgrounds average a 4.2-star rating. All 11 are fully electric and water capable, with

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Oregon students report benefiting from summer learning programs

From the Oregon Dept. of Education

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) today released the 2025 Student Voice Summer Survey Report, capturing the perspectives of more than 8,200 students who participated in summer learning programs. The findings reinforce the important role that high-quality summer learning programs play in helping students strengthen reading and literacy skills, build confidence, and develop a sense of belonging in their programs, classrooms, and communities.

The survey represents one of the largest statewide collections of student perspectives on summer learning in the nation and provides valuable insight into the learning conditions that help our students thrive. Students consistently reported feeling safe, welcomed, supported, and engaged in their summer programs – conditions that research shows are essential for meaningful learning and participation.

Among the Report's Findings

- 76% of students said their summer program helped them better understand what they read.
- 74% said their program helped them become better readers and writers.
- More than 90% reported feeling safe and welcomed in their summer program.



New statewide survey findings show students felt welcomed, supported, and engaged in summer learning programs while building literacy skills and confidence.

- More than 80% said their program helped them feel active, healthy, inspired to try new things, and good about themselves.

"Students are telling us that these programs help them grow as readers, build confidence, try new things, and feel connected to their communities," Governor Tina Kotek said. "These targeted, proven investments my administration has fought for give our kids the opportu-

nity to build their ideal future. Let's keep going."

The 2025 Student Voice Summer Survey gives students an opportunity to reflect on their summer learning experiences and provides educators with actionable feedback to continuously improve programs. Responses were collected from 8,234 students entering grades 3-12 participating in summer programs supported through state and federal funding, in-

cluding Oregon's State Summer Learning Grant and 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

While the survey focuses on students' summer learning experiences, it complements ODE's 2025 Summer Learning Grant Implementation Report, which reports progress toward grantee-established literacy goals aligned to Oregon standards measured through required pre/post assessments and other approved literacy measures. Together, these reports provide multiple sources of evidence about both students' experiences and the academic outcomes of Oregon's summer learning programs.

The report highlights that students consistently experience summer programs as places where they build relationships, explore new interests, strengthen literacy skills, and develop confidence. It also identifies opportunities for continued growth, including expanding student leadership opportunities, strengthening identity-affirming practices, and increasing access to career-connected learning.

"Summer learning is about more than preventing learning loss," said Dr. Charlene Williams, ODE Director. "This report demonstrates that academic growth and engaging learning

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Off the charts:

The silent return of ancient plagues

By Dr. GiGi Reed, MD

As a family physician serving Northern coastal California and Southern Oregon, I have spent years treating infections that modern medicine was supposed to relegate to history. Yet in 2026, we are confronting a troubling resurgence of diseases once thought nearly eradicated: measles, tuberculosis, syphilis, scarlet fever, and whooping cough. These are no longer relics of the past—they are reappearing in clinics and communities with serious, sometimes devastating consequences. The question is not just why they are returning, but why eradication still matters so profoundly.

Consider syphilis. Cases in the United States have more than doubled over the past six years. Caused by the corkscrew-shaped bacterium *Treponema pal-*



lidum, it spreads through sexual contact or from mother to child during pregnancy. Early symptoms can be deceptively mild: a painless sore followed by rash, fever, and hair loss. Left untreated, the infection can progress silently for years before damaging the heart, brain, and nervous system, leading to paralysis, dementia, blindness, or death. When caught early, treatment is straightforward—a single injection of penicillin.

The rise in congenital syphilis is particularly alarming. In 2022, more than 3,700 U.S. newborns were affected—an increase of nearly one hundredfold over the past decade. Outcomes often include stillbirth or lifelong disability. Nationwide, over 207,000 cases have been reported, the highest numbers seen since the 1950s. Contributing factors include reduced access to care, penicillin shortages, and high-risk behaviors linked to substance use.

Measles tells a similar story. Declared eliminated in the United States in 2000, it resurged dramatically, with 1,288 cases reported by mid-2025—primarily among unvaccinated children. This highly contagious virus can lead to pneumonia, encephalitis, blindness, and a rare but fatal delayed brain inflammation years after infec-

tion. There is no specific treatment; care is supportive. Prevention, however, is highly effective through the MMR vaccine.

Whooping cough, caused by *Bordetella pertussis*, remains especially dangerous for infants. It produces severe, violent coughing fits that can compromise breathing, with approximately one in 100 hospitalized infants dying from complications. Treatment options are limited, often focusing on supportive care such as oxygen. Vaccination—delivered as part of the diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP/Tdap) series and boosted every 10 years—remains the best protection.

Tuberculosis continues to pose a global and local threat. Caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, it primarily attacks the lungs but can spread to the brain and kidneys.

Drug-resistant strains have made treatment more difficult, with mortality rates reaching one in five in some cases. There is no widely effective adult vaccine in the United States, and treatment requires a prolonged, carefully managed regimen of multiple antibiotics.

Scarlet fever, once largely diminished by the mid-20th century, is also re-emerging worldwide. Driven by toxin-producing strains of Group A *Streptococcus*—the same bacteria responsible for strep throat—it can lead to serious complications such as kidney failure, heart disease, and sepsis. Antibiotics are effective, but no vaccine is currently available, though research is ongoing.

History shows that eradication is possible. Smallpox stands as proof. However, progress can

reverse. Vaccine hesitancy and the overuse of antibiotics—fueling resistance—are key contributors to today’s resurgence.

Each prevented case matters. Prevention saves lives, reduces healthcare costs, and preserves limited medical resources. The return of these diseases is not inevitable, but addressing it requires renewed commitment—from clinicians, public health systems, and communities alike.

Leaving Germany after college, Dr. Gudrun (Gigi) Reed spent over 20 years as a scientist in the U.S. She holds four patents in DNA research and was a university professor. Today she is busy as co-medical director for hospice, acute rehabilitation and practices family medicine in Brookings, OR. Gigireed-md@gmail.com

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hit the Beaver State’s small, independent movie theaters.

“When you have fewer competitors in an industry, historically, that means less pressure to keep costs down,” he said. “That’s less content diversity and less leverage for workers and vendors who depend on this very own industry.”

The state of Oregon launched its own investigation into the merger months ago. When Paramount refused to turn over requested documents

related to its lobbying efforts to the federal government, the state issued a civil investigative demand to compel it to release its records.

The Oregon Department of Justice last week asked a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge to order that Paramount comply with the state’s demands to hold off on the merger, but Oregon withdrew from that case and folded its efforts entirely into the multi-state lawsuit.

“That is a bad deal for Arizonans and it is a terrible deal for all Americans,” Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes said in a press conference,

adding that households could face higher costs to access news and entertainment if the merger moves forward.

And the merger would significantly worsen the challenges movie theaters face, she said.

“With fewer films being made, theaters don’t have the same opportunities to attract audiences, build consistent schedules and maintain stable revenue throughout the year,” Mayes said.

The states are also filing a temporary restraining order, asking the court to put a hold on the deal while the lawsuit proceeds.

Arizona Mirror

reporter Jerod MacDonald-Evoy contributed reporting.

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In an aerial view, the Paramount logo is displayed on a water tower at the Paramount Studios lot on July 13, 2026 in Los Angeles, California. Twelve state attorneys general, led by California, filed a lawsuit seeking to block Paramount Skydance’s proposed acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery.

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Except, there weren’t. That is, there wasn’t a noticeable increase in child-related accidents. Yes, some children were injured or killed. But no more than before. Researchers have been unable to document the often-repeated claim that “many children were hurt” by the switch to DST.

In the end, the whisper campaign’s unfounded claims, coupled with mom and dad growling about waking up in the dark, swung public opinion against the change. By February 1974, only 40 percent favored permanent DST, a nearly 40 percent drop in just six weeks.

The experiment died a quick and quiet death. Congress pulled the plug on it, and the country returned to standard time as usual that Oct. 27.

As for the Energy Crisis itself, it remained one of the great national boogeymen for the rest of the decade.

No one can say precisely when it ended; it just sort of faded into the sunset sometime during the Reagan administration and was never heard from again.

As if more proof that history repeats itself was needed, opponents of the current push to make DST permanent are again putting forth the exact same “children will be endangered in the dark” argument heard a half century earlier.

You can’t help wondering whether history would repeat even more should DST proponents wake up one cold, wintry morning soon and discover, just as their grandparents before them did, that getting up when it’s still dark outside really sucks.

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experiences go hand in hand. When students experience strong relationships, meaningful learning, and evidence-based literacy instruction together, they tell us they are becoming stronger readers, more confident learners, and more connected to their school communities.”

ODE extends its appreciation to school districts, education service districts, Tribal partners, community-based organizations, and summer learning providers across Oregon for creating learning environments where students can thrive.

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each site also having full availability for pets, laundry services, and showers. Over 90% of Brookings campsites have wifi and cable amenities, making nearly all of them ready to accommodate that younger RV audience.

Brookings scores in the middle of the pack for its local livability scores, with its food affordability index and median air quality both coming in relatively average amongst competitors. Though, crime rate is among the best on the whole list.

While Brookings campsites rank as having the fifth-best amenities score across all sites regardless of category, it falls to 16 on the nationwide list. The two Coastal Oregon destinations rank below other beach-side destinations like Naples Florida, Rockport Texas and Gulf Shores Alabama. However, Brookings and Florence are the two highest rated destinations on the West Coast, with the next highest western locations coming in Arizona.

To read the full report you can find it on StorageCafe’s official website, storagecafe.com/blog/best-rv-destinations-2026/.

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ed an updated process for event permitting. The new permit, only required for events on public property, is designed to protect said public property and amenities, and keep taxpayers for shelling out for private or for-profit events on City property. The permit application can be found on the

official City website.

As stated in the charter, the City is the designated manager of all public property.

“City staff are tasked with ensuring that public property is utilized for the purposes for which it is established,” stated the City in official communications. “Therefore, it is important to know what is taking place on the property owned by the City or more

specifically the taxpayers.”

The permit is designed to answer specific questions about the event so that it can be determined if the event follows both state and local regulations and ordinances, whether there is a risk to those attending on City property, and if the applicant is properly insured in case those risks are realized.

The permit will also establish whether proper permitting and licensing is in place in case alcohol is being served or that proper Health Department permits are in place if food is being served.

The applications are then sent to Gold Beach’s emergency responders to understand the risks involved to the public.

The application is distributed to the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, and helps them understand what event is taking place and allows them to sign off if they have no concerns.

“It also provides information they need in the event they are called out to respond to an emergency at the event,” explained the City. “Examples of emergencies that could take place include fire, public disturbance or crimes, bodily injury requiring paramedic response, or a broken water or power line that requires utility workers to respond and repair.”

As mentioned, it also helps clarify the event’s profit motive in an attempt to properly attribute costs. The City separates events

for the general public and for-profit events. Events such as parades are for the general public and therefore the City absorbs the costs of City services that support the event. However, sometimes events are a private or for-profit event. If the entity holding the event requests city services such as Public Works garbage pick-up, or Police security patrols, then the event must pay for those services. These requested services should not be absorbed by the City or taxpayers. The permit holder will be billed for City services in this instance.

The City may waive the fees of events for non-profits or social service agencies if events are in the

best interest of the community. This fee waiver must be applied for and granted by the City Administrator. The City may also waive fees if the City is participating as a partner in an event.

“Overall, the City event permit is not in place to limit the activities of citizens or organizations. It is in place to make sure the City understands fully what will take place on public property, and to ensure safety of citizens and property, and lawful conduct. It is also to ensure that the City is prepared to respond to an event based upon the risk factors presented as established in the event permit,” stated the City.



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OBITUARY

Sandra Lee Wallace

July 16, 1940 - July 8, 2026



Sandra Lee Wallace, 85, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2026, at Azalea Gardens in Brookings, Oregon, just days before her 86th birthday.

Sandra was born on July 16, 1940, in McCloud, California, to Ira Bruce Snelson and Bertha May Snelson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Deanna Jo Snelson, and granddaughter Katelyn Marie Wallace. She is survived by her three sons, Rodney, Michael, and Christopher; her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Sandra spent most of her life in the Brookings-Harbor community, where she became well known and respected as a successful beautician. She owned and operated her own beauty salon for many years, where her warmth, kindness, and genuine interest in others turned clients into lifelong

friends.

While raising her three boys, Sandra was actively involved in the community, volunteering her time with Little League, Babe Ruth, Betas, and the Brookings-Harbor High School Boosters Club. She believed in supporting young people and took great pride in contributing to the community that meant so much to her.

Sandra's greatest joy in life was her family. She was a proud and devoted mother to her three sons, and nothing brought her greater happiness than watching her family grow through grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved celebrating holidays and creating opportunities for family and friends to gather, and her home was always open to those she loved. She had an exceptional gift for baking, and her famous cherry cheesecake became legendary among family and friends—a favorite that continues to be fondly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to enjoy it.

Above all else, Sandra's Christian faith was the foundation of her life. A longtime member of Brookings Presbyterian Church, she lived her faith through kindness, compassion, generosity, and an

unwavering love for her family.

Sandra leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, love, generosity, and quiet strength. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her family finds comfort in the countless memories she created and the values she instilled. Her wisdom, unwavering support, strong moral character, and unconditional love will continue to guide those who were blessed to know her.

While our hearts are broken by her passing, we are forever grateful for the love, wisdom, faith, and example she gave us. Her legacy will live on in every life she touched. Sandra will be laid to rest at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction, Oregon, alongside her loving parents and her sister.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Family and friends will be notified once arrangements have been finalized. A Memorial Service is planned for August 29, 2026, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 94190 5th Street in Gold Beach at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Wally's House – Curry Child Abuse Intervention Center, P.O. Box 1845, Gold Beach OR 97444.

South Coast payroll employment shows small decline over the year

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 60 jobs in June. Leisure and hospitality gained 50 jobs while employment in general merchandise retailers decreased by 20 jobs over the month. Government employment posted a net increase of 10 jobs in June. Local government education employment fell by 30 jobs while Indian tribal employment rose by 20.

Since June 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell by 190 jobs for a loss of -0.8%. Jobs were lost in professional and business services (-90); manufacturing (-70); retail trade (-50); leisure and hospitality (-50); mining and logging (-40); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+60) and construction (+50). Government added



50 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 100 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Federal government fell by 30 jobs since June 2025.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 50 jobs in June. Leisure and hospitality essentially accounted for the county's monthly jobs increase, adding 50 jobs over the month. Other published industries showed little or no estimated employment change in June.

Over the past year Curry County payroll was unchanged and was estimated at 6,710 jobs in June. Job losses were estimated in retail trade (-30); other services (-20); and construction (- 20). Health care, and leisure and hospitality have both added 20 jobs since June 2025. Government added 10 jobs over the year with local government (+20) rising and federal government jobs (-10) dropping slightly.

Regional earthquake experts say more coordination, investment needed to prepare for 'Big One'

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

If the "Big One" — the anticipated massive Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake — hit today, Oregonians west of the Cascades would be luckiest to find themselves at the recently-retrofitted state Capitol in Salem or on the roof of the new terminal at the Portland International Airport.

The comment from Tom Wharton, an engineer at the Port of Portland, drew laughs from an audience Thursday at the 13th annual National Conference on Earthquake Engineering in Portland, but it wasn't entirely a joke. Jonna Papaefthimiou, state resilience officer in Gov. Tina Kotek's office, said few of the 4,000 buildings the state owns would survive. Just five would likely remain standing and be immediately usable in the weeks and months after, she said.

The Port of Portland and the governor's office are among the members of the region-wide multi-agency Cascadia Lifelines Program housed at Oregon State University, operating as a think tank

for stakeholders who meet twice annually to discuss preparation for what seismologists project will be a 7.4 or greater magnitude earthquake in the Northwest in the next 50 years.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone quake occurs off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California every 500 years and was last recorded in 1700. It could cause Northwest coastlines to lower and retreat, spur widespread flooding and landslides and displace millions of people.

The experts discussed progress: Renovations at the Portland airport and state Capitol that made the buildings more likely to withstand earthquakes, a plan to ensure Washington County residents have access to water sourced from beyond Portland's system and Kotek's 2025 executive order mandating large state-owned buildings be retrofitted during the next 35 years and new ones be built to a worst-case-scenario earthquake code.

But the experts also discussed policies that they say should be enacted urgently.

If coastal U.S. Route 101 isn't retrofitted before the Big One hits and shuts down for any extended period following the quake, "then you've lost those coastal communities, and you're not going to get those back," said Mike Olsen, an Oregon State University civil engineering professor and the director of the Cascadia Lifelines Program.

The highway is also already under frequent threats of coastal landslides and flooding.

"We don't need to wait for the earthquake to cause a lot of damage to it. It's already under a lot of pressure," he said.

Race to retrofit
In coastal areas that will be most heavily impacted, and that are heavily reliant on grid power from the Bonneville Power Administration, policies that promote community microgrids and battery storage will be key to post-quake recovery, said Leon Kempner, a BPA engineer.

BPA controls most of the Northwest electricity distribution grid. In some coastal areas, such as Lincoln City, it is the source of nearly all power.

Kempner said the agency is racing to retrofit the grid to withstand earthquakes, but it didn't start implementing seismic code into projects until the 1980s, and it lacks resources to move as quickly as needed.

He also suggested that the Oregon and Wash-

ington state legislatures should require BPA and all regional utilities to regularly report to state officials on what they are doing to prepare for the Big One to increase awareness, transparency about planning gaps and potential for collaboration.

Wharton, who explained that much of the state would rely on the airport and the port's four Willamette and Columbia river terminals to receive recovery aid, said the Port of Portland needs nearly \$500 million to upgrade a runway that can survive the quake and handle large Federal Emergency Management Agency aircraft, and other aircraft, landing for support or evacuation.

Port officials will meet with Kotek's office in the next few weeks to discuss some potential budget requests, he and Papaefthimiou said. Some funding could also come from requesting an advance on annual maintenance dollars from the Federal Aviation Administration or grants from FEMA, "as long as FEMA still exists," Wharton said.

A recent study by the National Institute of Building Sciences found that the, for now, roughly \$450 million investment would have a net \$7 billion savings benefit for the state as it tries to recover and rebuild after the quake, he said. But none of that matters if roads and bridges are unusable or nonexistent.

Critical corridors
The Oregon Department of Transportation has identified \$40 million worth of bridge deficiencies that, if left unaddressed, leave them vulnerable to the quake, said Yumei Wang, a civil engineering and infrastructure resilience and risk expert from Portland State University.

Olsen and other experts also called for more investment in preparing a disaster response workforce for the state and the region, which would require months of emergency attention and years of rebuilding. Everyone agreed that municipal governments, state leaders, and all regional infrastructure stakeholders need to be more regularly talking and planning together, now.

Mike Britch, an engineering and construction manager at Tualatin Valley Water District, is overseeing a \$1.6 billion water infrastructure project to shift the half of Tualatin that relies on water from

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR CURRY COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT FORREST GARDNER, Deceased. Case No. 26PB06267 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, care of Wasley Law Office, PC, 142 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights might be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Philip Wasley. DATED and published July 22, 2026. Personal Representative: Kelly Cromwell 1409 East Larkspur Drive Scottsdale, Arizona 85259 Attorney for Personal Representative: Philip M. Wasley, OSB No. 942005 Wasley Law Office, PC 142 West 8th Avenue Eugene, Oregon 97401 PH: 541-343-1110 phil@wasleylawoffice.com 7/29/2026 Pilot 429113

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2023 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Curry County, Oregon, on April 24, 2024, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Curry County, case# 23CV52922, and included in the judgment and decree entered therein on April 24, 2024 will expire on April 24, 2026. All properties ordered sold under the judgment and decree, unless redeemed on or before April 24, 2026, will be deeded to Curry County, Oregon, immediately on expiration of the period of redemption and every right and interest of any person in such properties will be forfeited to Curry County, Oregon. 7/29 & 8/5/2026 Pilot 429167

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2024 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Curry County, Oregon, on February 25, 2026, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Curry County, case# 26CV07802, and included in the judgment and decree entered therein on February 25, 2026 will expire on February 25, 2028. All properties ordered sold under the judgment and decree, unless redeemed on or before February 25, 2028, will be deeded to Curry County, Oregon, immediately on expiration of the period of redemption and every right and interest of any person in such property will be forfeited to Curry County, Oregon. 7/29 & 8/5/2026 Pilot 429191

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NORMAN FRANCIS DERBY, Deceased. Case No. 26PB04590 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative through my resident agent, JAMES W. GARDNER, Attorney at Law, 29692 Ellensburg Ave, Ste 11, P.O. Box 1286, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444, Phone (541) 247-6615, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, JAMES W. GARDNER whose address and phone number appear above. DATED this 16th day of July, 2026. /s/ WILLIAM DERBY Personal Representative 310 South Oak Street Buckley, IL 60918 Phone 217-394-2166 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/2026 Pilot 429194

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 7/27/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by: CARPENTER AUTO CENTER 934 CHECO AVE BROOKINGS, OR 2024 HGHL TRVL TRLR VIN = 58i?h?i? 0BP2R77L3066 Amount due on lien \$405.40 Reputed owner(s) BRIAN KEITH BERSUCH MERRICK BANK 7/22 & 7/29/2026 Pilot 428940



*breast (about 6 breasts)
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
Olive oil or your choice of cooking spray*

The Chicken Recipe You'll Use Every Week

"What is there to eat?" That question plays on repeat in households everywhere. Today I'm sharing one of the handiest short cuts to give you a great answer when the inevitable question is asked. Now you can say, "There's chicken in the fridge, go make yourself something!" I call this recipe "Every Week Chicken" because I make this chicken nearly every week for my family. And once you try this, you might do the same. Chicken breast can be troublesome because they're so lean, it's easy to overcook. You'll find this recipe produces tender, juicy chicken every time. This is a simple recipe for oven-roasted chicken breasts. It's perfect for an easy dinner or to make in advance for meal prep all week long. Moist and flavorful, this is the chicken you want waiting in the fridge to expedite your dinner, stick in a salad, slam on a sandwich, toss in a pasta, put on a pizza. You get the idea. This simple salt and pepper seasoning gives the chicken tons of flavor yet keeps it neutral enough to play well with other flavor profiles. As always, feel free to adjust to your personal preferences.



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One batch of juicy "Every Week Chicken" today means faster, easier dinners all week long.

To store, place in a storage container with the accumulated pan juices over the chicken for flavor and to keep the chicken moist. Store in the fridge for up to five days.

So, what do you do with all that

EVERY WEEK CHICKEN
4 pounds boneless skinless chicken

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BEST BITES



Prepare a Summer-Style Blueberry Pie

Fresh blueberries peak at this time of year, so it's time to make good use of them. Not only are they versatile and delicious, but they are nutritional standouts due to being high in antioxidants. Pick your own, or purchase a basket at the market and start thinking with your kids of all the ways that you can enjoy blueberries from morning until night. Sprinkle them on cereal, toss them in a muffin batter, or create smiley faces on top of pancakes and waffles for happy food art to start the day! Combine them in a fruit salad for lunch, eat a handful for an afternoon snack, or stir them into yogurt fruit pops. As a sweet finale to any summer day, enjoy my family's favorite blueberry pie! The uncooked berries in the recipe, combined with lemon juice and zest, create a zingy, fresh flavor. This recipe is very easy to prepare at the last minute with your kids when friends come by, or when you want to bring a crowd-pleasing summer dessert to a potluck picnic. You simply prepare the blueberry filling on the stovetop and pour it into a prepared pie crust. Chill, and it's ready to serve! I top each slice with a dollop of fresh whipped cream, or I serve a scoop of vanilla ice cream on the side. Yum! It's like a taste of summer.



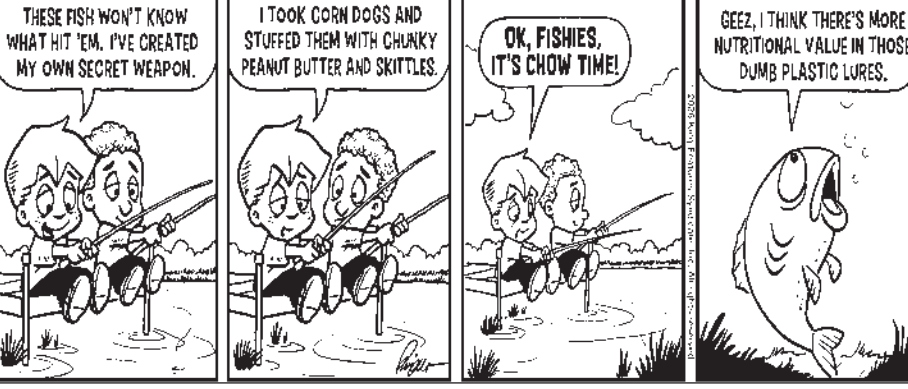
Bolting

Bolting, or "going to seed," is the stage of crop plant growth that produces flowers and seeds. If the crop plant is harvested after bolting, it's likely to taste bitter. Crops well-known for bolting as summer heat sets in are lettuce, spinach, arugula, broccoli, cabbages, kale, collards, carrots, radishes, beets, turnips and herbs such as cilantro, dill and parsley. A bolted plant may not taste very good, but its flowers can attract many pollinators to your garden. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu, www.civiggardencentre.org

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Amber Waves



THESE FISH WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM, I'VE CREATED MY OWN SECRET WEAPON.

I TOOK CORN DOGS AND STUFFED THEM WITH CHUNKY PEANUT BUTTER AND SKITTLES.

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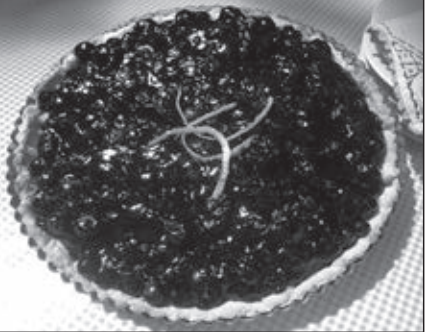
by Dave T. Phipps

EASY FRESH BLUEBERRY PIE

Makes 1 pie

- 4 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed and stems removed (Let kids go through them to pick out any crushed or overripe berries.)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest (optional)
- 1 (9-inch) pie crust, baked

In a medium saucepan, gently stir together 2 cups blueberries, sugar, water, cornstarch, and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and stir constantly until thick and clear. It'll be a luscious dark-purple color.



Stir in lemon juice and zest, then gently fold in the rest of the blueberries. Cool slightly. Pour the thick filling into the pie shell. Let set or chill before serving. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter is an excerpt of a public record of incidents as reported by law-enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. The information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For a list of missing items found in the Brookings area, you can visit the police services page of the city of Brookings website at www.brookings.or.us/134/police-services and follow the link near the bottom of the page.

Tuesday, July 14
9:02 am, Spruce St, theft.
9:40 am, Cape Ferre-lo Rd, alarm.
1:12 pm, Crown Ter-race and Crown Loop Rd, illegal burn.
3:00 pm, Fern Ave and Chetco, criminal mischief.
4:17 pm, 5th St and Heritage Ct, hit & run.

7:25 pm, Lilac Ln and Memory Ln, disorderly conduct.
8:26 pm, Spruce Dr, dispute/fight.
8:39 pm, Lundeen Side Of Park, DUII.
11:37 pm, Memory Ln, criminal trespass.

Sunday, July 19
12:16 am, Chetco Ave, theft of services.

12:29 am, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
4:27 am, South Side Bridge, threats.
8:06 am, Chetco Ave, criminal mischief.
8:11 am, W Benham Ln, dispute/fight.
10:22 am, 5th St, dispute/fight.
10:48 am, 5th St, theft.
11:27 am, Harris

Beach, juvenile prob-lem.
2:03 pm, Highway 101 N Harris Beach, intoxicated subject.
3:52 pm, Arnold Ln, unlawful entry motor vehicle.
5:06 pm, Highway 101 S, disorderly con-duct.
6:01 pm, Timberline Dr, DUII.

6:36 pm, 5th St, crim-inal trespass.

Monday, July 20
12:59 pm, 5th Ave and Chetco Ave, pan-handling.
1:43 pm, 5th St, burglary.
3:37 pm, Taylor Creek Rd, theft.
5:32 pm, Fir St, dis-pute/fight.

5:38 pm, Chetco Ave and Fern St, disorderly conduct.
7:44 pm, Lively Ln, dispute/fight.
8:40 pm, Hub St, dispute/fight.
9:39 pm, Hwy 101 N, rescue operation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submissions for events can be sent by email to: pilotofficemgr@countrymedia.net. The deadline for submission is 4:30 pm Monday, the week prior to publication.

DAILY

• Daily Meal, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm.

All Year Long

• Beyond 250 Oral History Project, Chetco Library. Anyone who has called Brookings-Harbor home is welcome to share lived experiences for the oral history project. Learn more and sign up at chetcolibrary.org/Beyond250.

Mondays

• Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

Tuesdays

• Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, Brookings Botanical Garden: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.
• Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
• Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Donations requested.
• Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
• Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Activities for youth ages 10-13.
• Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
• Amateur Radio Net, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm (147.18); DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm (146.88).
• Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• Ukulele Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument

and a music stand. Music provided.

Wednesdays

• T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
• Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 9:30 am. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
• Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
• Afternoon Creation Station, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop-in activities for school-aged kids.
• Recorder Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.
• Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. All skill levels welcome. Bob K: 701-269-7822.
• Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Thursdays

• Rowdy Creek String Band, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players.
• Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
• Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
• Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Weekly chess club for all ages and skill levels.
• Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class. Participants should be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
• Recreational Table Tennis,

102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Intermediate players welcome; bring your own paddle.
• Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 donation. Jean: 541-251-8998.

Fridays

• Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.
• The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
• Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
• T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
• Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

Saturdays

• Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
• Saturday Shuffle: Pokemon, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Play and trade Pokemon cards with guidance from an experienced player.

Wednesday, July 29

Library Farmer's Market Visit, Brookings-Harbor Farmer's Market: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Browse and check out a mini-collection of library books, get drop-in tech help or sign up for a library card.

D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 learn character creation, dice rolling and teamwork in a short tabletop role-playing adventure. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.

Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Teens and adults revisit classic childhood books and discuss how they hold up. July's selection will be posted by July 1.

Thursday, July 30

SWOCC Summer Curry Campus Lecture Series, Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus: 1:00 pm. Bill Gorham presents 'Sponges, anemones, jelly fish, and the many, many types of worms and other weird sea critters.' Free. 541-813-1667.

Tea and Tarot, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Monthly gathering near the full moon hosted by Kalyca Bell. Bring a

tarot or oracle deck, settle in with tea and explore the cards. No experience necessary.

Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 1

Library Escape Room: Envy, Chetco Library. The River Room becomes an all-ages, roaring-20s-themed murder mystery escape room. Recommended for ages 14 and older due to puzzle complexity. Registration required at chetco.librarycalendar.com.

Saturday, August 1 - Saturday, August 22
Sawdust Theatre Season 58, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Shows are Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 pm; Aug. 9 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Sunday, August 2

End of Summer Reading Pool Party, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Celebrate the close of the 2026 Summer Reading Program with swimming, giant bubbles, hula hoops and more. Summer Reading Log participants swim free.

American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Hank Shreve Band performs blues. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26

D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 are introduced to tabletop role-playing. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.

Saturday, August 8
VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave., Brookings: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Wartime veterans are encouraged to join. Help save the Post by buying a brick. 541-412-6236.

Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St.: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Sew dresses for girls and shorts for boys around the world. Bring lunch and a friend. Jane Knox: 209-815-2100.

Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop in with a device or tech question and get help from trained youth technology mentors.

Chamber of Commerce

Mixer: Meet Author Craig Evans, Chetco Library: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Meet the local musician and author, celebrate his newest book, Triple Threat, and enjoy writers kits, live music, book signing and refreshments.

Monday, August 10

Spice World Bags, Chetco Library: All day. Monthly spice bags include a tester sample, trivia and recipe suggestions. Supplies limited; first-come, first-served.
A Double-Feature Garden Talk, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The library and Brookings-Harbor Garden Club present talks on cultivating resilience for ecological distress and a deep dive on dahlias.

Wednesday, August 12

Bookworm Buddies Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. For 2nd through 5th graders. August's reading selection will be posted to the library calendar and Facebook page by Aug. 1.

Thursday, August 13 - Sunday, August 16

Wild Rivers Film Festival Documentary Hub, Chetco Library. The library is one of three screening locations for the Wild Rivers Film Festival. Full schedule and information at wildriversfilmfestival.com.

Thursday, August 13

Afternoon Game Hub, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Open gaming on the library's Nintendo Switch 2 and board games for K-12 students.

Friday, August 14

Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show Show & Shine, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Preview event ahead of the 27th annual benefit car show.

Saturday, August 15

27th Annual Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Free admission; classic cars, music, food, raffle prizes, silent auction and T-shirts. Proceeds support performing arts and school music programs. Questions: info@ppadelnorte.org or Nicole Stout, 707-954-6774.

Sunday, August 16

American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Simple Dreams Oregon performs classic rock. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

Chetco Activity Center monthly potluck, 550 Chetco Lane: 4:30 pm. Bring your own food or enough to share for community and friendship.

Monday, August 17

Master Gardener Plant Clinic, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Curry County Master Gardeners offer free help with plant questions. Bring a question and a picture or small cutting.

Wednesday, August 19

Brookings Rural Fire District meeting, Brookings Fire Department: 9:30 am.

Kid's Tye Dye Party, Chetco Library Annex lawn: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Bring a plain white T-shirt from home; all other tie-dye supplies provided.

Thursday, August 20

Pub Grub Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Adult comics and graphic novels club discusses Saga, Vol. 1, by Brian K. Vaughn.

Saturday, August 22

Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop in with a device or tech question and get help from trained youth technology mentors.

Wednesday, August 26

Craft and Connect with Kim, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Local miniature artist Kim leads a free, step-by-step crafting workshop for adults. Limited supplies; registration required.

Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. Comics and illustrated-book club for teens and young teens. In August, the group will read and discuss Camp by Kayla Miller.

Community Drum Circle, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Drop in for community and expression through percussion; bring a drum or clap along.

Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Teens and adults revisit classic childhood books and discuss how they hold up. August's selection will be posted by Aug. 1.

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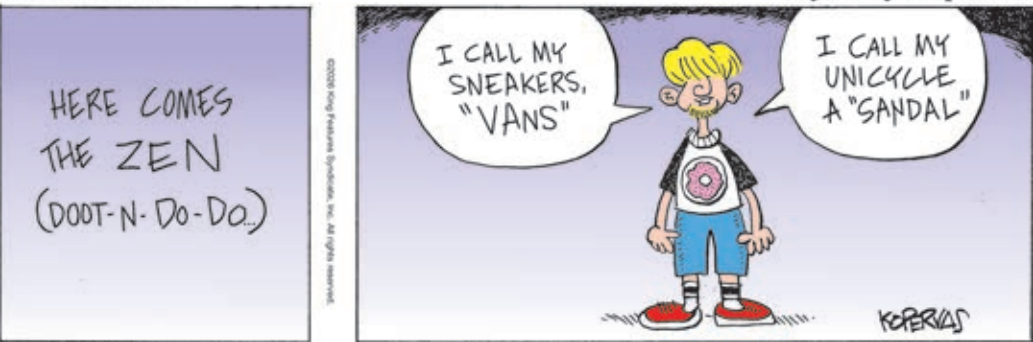
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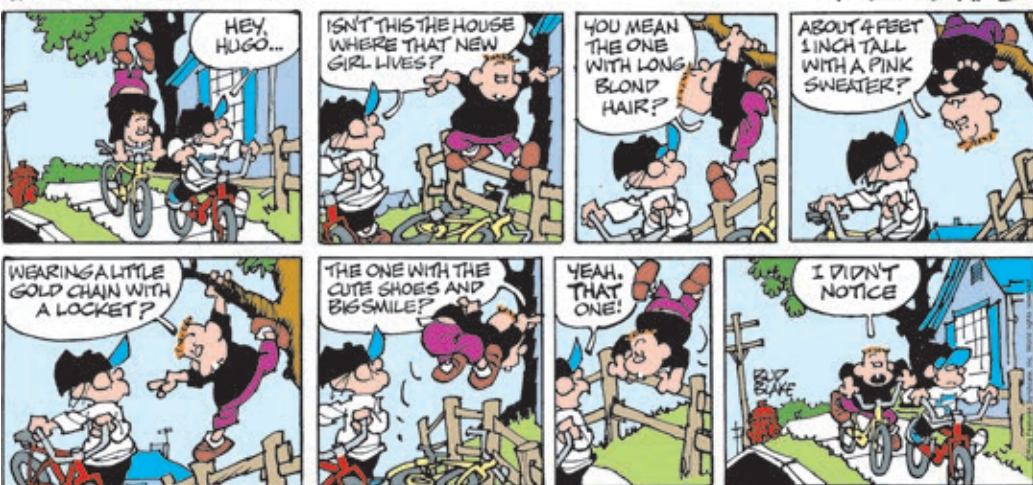
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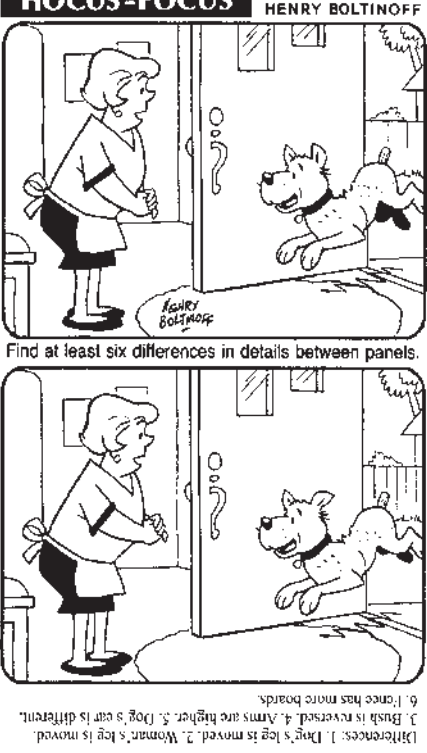
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Clue: E equals L

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KUAENUI WUVYN OV ICWI WON
QKXNU MD PKVMNCWXXKUQ
RCKESONU? MOWIIKBSN.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Seep
CHALE
Copy
ONCLE
Pile
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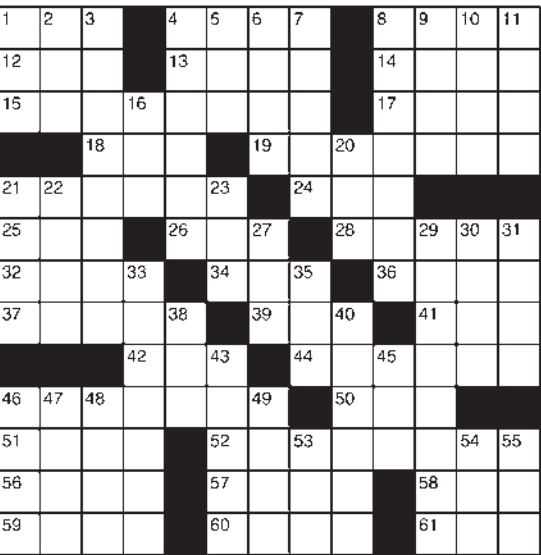
TODAY'S WORD

July 27, 2026 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Photo, for short
- 4 Senate staffer
- 8 Scoff
- 12 Rx overseer
- 13 Classic theaters
- 14 Bohemian
- 15 Tunes from Trinidad
- 17 Pinta's companion
- 18 MSN rival
- 19 Acapulco native
- 21 NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
- 24 Collection
- 25 — Cruz Kayne of "Barbie"
- 26 D.C. baseballer
- 28 Serious
- 32 Overlook
- 34 Inherited
- 36 "Little Caesar" role
- 37 Group spirit
- 39 Rug cleaner, briefly
- 41 Buddy
- 42 Felon's flight
- 44 Arctic shoe
- 46 Bitter orange liqueur
- 50 French monarch
- 51 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 52 All-important



- 56 Male deer
- 57 Notes after "do"
- 58 Bird (Pref.)
- 59 Harboring a grudge
- 60 "I'm a klutz!"
- 61 Napkin's perch
- 7 Relaxes
- 8 Custodian
- 9 Rocker
- 10 Sicilian volcano
- 11 Vanna's "Wheel of Fortune" colleague
- 16 "— -hoot!"
- 20 Crosses (out)
- 21 Title for Judi Dench
- 22 One from a gourd
- 23 Droop
- 27 "Mazel —!"
- 29 Scripture-based
- 30 Beige
- 31 Castle
- 33 Singer Knowles
- 35 Highland hat
- 38 Pouch
- 40 Actress Jamie Lee
- 43 PC shortcut
- 45 Japanese pond carp
- 46 Mama — Elliot
- 47 Golden Rule
- 48 Den noise
- 49 Black-and-white cookie
- 53 Little rascal
- 54 Hollywood's Gardner
- 55 Sass

DOWN

- 1 Cpl.'s subordinate
- 2 Wyo. neighbor
- 3 Utensil made from a gourd
- 4 Sturdy fabric
- 5 Billboards
- 6 Euclidean subj.
- 16 "— -hoot!"
- 20 Crosses (out)
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Weekly SUDOKU

		2	5			6	8
		5	6	9			
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GAMES: What is the goal space in the board game Candy Land?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and territories border Spain?
- TELEVISION: What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is brioche?
- CHEMISTRY: Which metal has the highest melting point?
- LITERATURE: Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Acadia National Park?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Dottie's team in "A League of Their Own"?
- COMICS: Who is the archenemy of the Fantastic Four?
- SCIENCE: What is the thickest layer of Earth?

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SCRAMBLERS

S	K	S	B	A	N
E	K	S	N	A	K
S	N	S	E	A	R
E	N	O	S	N	O
R	N	O	T	E	N
R	E	R	O	U	T

Solution

8	5	3	4	7	6	2	1	9
4	2	9	3	1	8	5	7	6
7	6	1	9	2	5	4	8	3
2	1	8	5	3	7	6	9	4
6	9	4	1	8	9	7	5	2
5	9	7	2	6	4	8	3	1
1	7	6	8	4	3	9	2	5
3	8	5	6	9	2	1	4	7
9	4	2	7	5	1	3	6	8

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

What might you call the answer given by misbehaving children? Bratitude.

CryptoQuip

- King Kandy's Castle
- Five — Portugal, France, Andorra, Morocco and the British territory of Gibraltar
- "Make it so" and "Engage"
- A rich French bread
- Tungsten
- The poet Homer
- Maine
- The Rockford Peaches
- Doctor Doom
- The mantle

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State/Regional News

Lending programs are helping underserved Oregonians buy homes

By MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

After seven years of living in a cramped two-bedroom apartment in Northeast Portland with her four sons, Ja’Nelle Samuels assumed homeownership was impossible.

The 43-year-old single mom and nonprofit manager grew up without housing stability. Her only model for homeownership growing up was her grandmother, who took her in after she left the foster care system.

Two years ago Samuels realized raising her children in a 950-square-foot space, one of the only options she could afford, was taking a toll on her mental health.

“I felt like I was stuck there,” she said.

That changed when she connected with Arrive, a nonprofit dedicated to providing homebuying counseling and lending options to low-income Oregonians. A housing counselor reviewed her credit, mapped out a savings strategy and helped her save enough money over two years to buy her first home. In May, she closed on a home in Northeast Portland’s Madison South neighborhood, where she has a garage and a backyard where the family can grill. Technically it’s a three-bedroom home, but each of her sons has their own room because of the two extra rooms in the finished basement.

“Homeownership means

having something I can leave for my children,” Samuels said. “I always worry about if I were to have an untimely passing, where would my children end up? And now I know that they have a home.”

Formerly the Portland Housing Center, Arrive is dedicated to helping marginalized Oregonians achieve homeownership with counseling and lending services. In 2025, it expanded its lending services statewide to support Oregonians living outside the Portland area.

Nonprofit built on addressing racial disparities expands lending services statewide

Arrive was established in the aftermath of a 1990 news series by The Oregonian/OregonLive exposing mortgage lenders’ discriminatory practices of either refusing to lend to people interested in buying homes in low-income North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods, or exploiting and overcharging the ones that did.

But Oregon’s history of racial housing discrimination runs deeper. The Oregon Constitution in 1859 outlawed Black people from living in the state, owning real estate or entering into contracts. Oregon has since repealed its exclusion laws, officially removing racist wording from its constitution in 2002, and two recent state laws aim to help homeowners remove decades-old and unen-

forceable racist language in home deeds.

“Oregon is a state that was pretty much created as a white utopia,” Arrive Executive Director Dana Fuller Shepherd said.

At the federal level, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 also sought to end housing discrimination, but barriers for people of color seeking homeownership persist. The gap between white and Black homeowners remained the same in 2020 as it was in 1970, just two years after the law’s passage, according to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Black households in Oregon also had the lowest rate of homeownership with 30% of households owning a home compared to a 67% rate of homeownership among white Oregonians, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

In Oregon, especially in the Portland area, the challenges to accessing homeownership are compounded by decades of displacement from past urban renewal and infrastructure expansion projects such as the Interstate 5 corridor, Rose Quarter and Legacy Emmanuel Hospital, Fuller Shepherd said.

Arrive offers culturally specific counseling to clients to address lingering systemic challenges. Since its establishment, it has guided more than 10,000 Oregonians during the homebuying process.

Oregonians just have to pay a one-time \$99 fee to

access a housing counselor who will create a personalized plan to buy a home. Once they’ve paid the fee, they can access unlimited finance, homebuying and homeowner classes such as plumbing 101 or estate planning.

Anyone can register for counseling, but there are income limits to certain lending programs, Fuller Shepherd said.

The lending options that got these Oregonians their first homes

Depending on a person’s credit, Fuller Shepherd said she’s seen people pay as much as \$500 to buy a home.

“It is definitely a myth that you need 20% down to purchase a home,” she said. “I have purchased several and have never had 20% down.”

One way Arrive helps Oregonians buy a home is by providing Oregon Individual Development Accounts, an incentive program the state established in 1999 that uses the Oregon IDA Tax Credit to guarantee a fund match for low-income Oregonians. Anyone can donate to the program until it reaches the \$7.5 million cap.

Samuels used this option to buy her home. She put \$100 in her account every month for two years and got it matched from the state program. She also saved money in a separate bank account and used settlement money from a car accident to buy her house.

Another lending service Arrive offers is down payment assistance, a program Fuller Shepherd benefitted from herself in 1998 when she bought her first home in Portland as a 22-year-old. Six years after living in her home, she sold it and made money that helped her become financially secure as an adult.

In Oregon, 55% of down payment assistance from the state goes to people of color, according to the Oregon Department of Housing Community Services.

Arrive’s down payment assistance program also helped 26-year-old Gresham resident Teo Ramirez buy his first home. Ramirez grew up in a low-income household, sometimes experiencing periods of homelessness and couch-surfing alongside his mother and sister before spending his teenage years in Portland’s Home Forward affordable housing units.

He said he decided to pursue homeownership after his landlord attempted illegal rent hikes and eviction notices. Plus, he wanted a dog.

“They just tried to do a lot of illegal stuff, and that’s when I was like, ‘Okay, I’m tired of being a renter,’” he told the Capital Chronicle. “I really want to own my own home and I don’t want to have to fight with a landlord.”

He was making \$70,000 a year when he signed up for Arrive’s services,

which was too much money to qualify for some of its lending resources. However, he still met with a housing counselor who helped create a budgeting plan to grow his \$5,000 in savings to \$22,000 over the next year. He secured down payment assistance in the form of an additional loan separate from his main mortgage that covered 20% of the cost of the home at a much lower interest rate. His real estate agent also helped him secure a grant for LGBTQ+ homebuyers.

By Memorial Day weekend, he purchased a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home in Gresham, just five minutes away from where he was renting.

“I would tell people to seek advice and resources that will help you in the process,” he said. “Knowledge is the most powerful thing you can have when you’re overcoming something that feels impossible.”

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Undersea proposal comment period announced

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Country Media

Proposed changes are intended to strengthen protections for Oregon’s marine ecosystems, streamline permitting, and ensure fair public compensation for use of the seafloor.

Comment opportunity on proposed undersea infrastructure easements in Oregon’s territorial sea

The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) is seeking comments on proposed changes to administrative rules (OAR 141-083) that guide how easements are issued for uses of the territorial sea.

Proposed changes are intended to strengthen protections for Oregon’s marine ecosystems, streamline permitting, and ensure fair public compensation for use of the seafloor.

The comment period opened from July 1 and closes at 5 p.m. August 3.

Why are Changes Needed?

For decades, cables have been installed on the bottom of Oregon’s territorial sea—the area of the Pacific Ocean extend-

ing from the shoreline to three nautical miles offshore. These cables, often called “undersea” or “submarine” cables, carry global data through optical fibers and are placed on, attached to, or buried beneath the seafloor.

In the future, similar infrastructure may also include power transmission cables and pipelines to serve purposes like carrying electricity from offshore wind turbines to shore.

DSL, with approval from the State Land Board, issues easements for use of the territorial sea. DSL is one of several agencies with a regulatory role in the territorial sea, but the administrative rules guiding DSL’s work are out of date.

Oregon’s administrative rules governing these easements have not been comprehensively updated in 25 years. Since then, undersea infrastructure technology has evolved significantly, including the development of SMART cables that support both data transmission and sensors for ocean monitoring.

In addition, Oregon’s Territorial Sea Plan Part

Four was updated in 2023, and Senate Bill 793 now requires DSL to set application and compensation fees for easements associated with water, gas, electric, and communication infrastructure in the territorial sea. These changes in technology, policy, and state law make updates to the rules necessary.

What’s Proposed

- Alignment with Oregon’s ocean resource management goals.

Proposed updates align DSL’s easement review and authorization processes with Oregon’s Territorial Sea Plan Part Four and other applicable state policies governing uses of the seafloor.

- Enhanced application requirements. Applicants would be required to provide additional information during project planning and review, including resource and use inventories, effects evaluations, decommissioning plans, emergency response plans, and information about potential encroachments. Early coordination through pre-application meetings and the Joint Agency Review Team would

help identify information needs and potential issues before applications are submitted.

- A cooperative review framework. Updates would support collaboration among applicants, state and federal agencies, Tribal governments, and local communities. Clearer requirements and review procedures would provide greater transparency and predictability throughout the process.

- New fee structure. A new structure for application fees will support sustainable funding for the interagency application review. New compensation fees allow use of Oregon’s territorial sea while compensating Oregonians for the usage of this public resource. Revenues go to the Common School Fund.

See the notice of rules filing and the proposed rules, as well as a summary of proposed fees.

A rulemaking advisory committee was convened from February through June 2026 to inform the proposed changes, and a summary of RAC input can be found here.

How to Comment
Visit the DSL website

for all rulemaking materials, including a draft of the proposed rules, all related materials from the rulemaking advisory committee, and the online comment form.

The comment deadline is Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Public Hearings
Feedback on the proposed rulemaking can be provided during the following public meetings which will begin with an information session with time for questions, followed by a public hearing. Recordings and minutes will be posted online afterwards.

- In-person: The meetings held at the in-person locations are in-person only and will not have virtual access.

- North Bend, OR: Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway Ave., North Bend, OR 97459

- Newport, OR: Tuesday, July 21 at 5 p.m. at Hatfield Marine Science Center, Classroom 30/32 (HMSC 3032), 2030 SE Marine Science Dr., Newport, OR 97365 (map to classroom)

- Seaside, OR: Wednes-

day, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, OR 97138

- Virtual (online only): Thursday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m.
 - o Meeting ID: 250 886 8653
 - o Join online: Click here to join (Passcode: w#EnJ067)
 - o Join by phone: 1-669-444-9171 (Passcode: 87671005)

Written Comments
Comments may also be submitted in writing by online form, emailed to dsl.rules@dsl.oregon.gov or mailed to DSL (Attn: Rules Coordinator) at 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301.

What Happens Next?
After the comment period closes and comments are addressed, proposed rules are presented at an upcoming meeting of the State Land Board for a decision. The public may provide additional testimony at that time.

If adopted, these proposed rules and fees are anticipated to go into effect in January 2027. For the latest updates, visit the DSL website.

Earthquake from page 4

the Portland Water Bureau to water sourced from the Joint Water Commission that also supplies water to

the cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Beaverton.

Part of the project involved building a 2,000 foot “micro tunnel” under the Tualatin River to transport drinking water. Above it, the Roy Rogers

Road bridge over the river would not survive the Big One, Britch said, leaving people south of the bridge stranded and unable to get to any area hospitals.

“If I could create a policy and make people do

things, I would say I want the state to identify some of these really critical corridors,” he said. “We need some sort of policy to address that.”

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